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## CHARTER

The United States Military Academy's Committee on Ethics and Professionalism welcomes you to the first publication of *Ethics and the Military Profession*. The Committee, charged by the Superintendent with "integrating ethics and professionalism courses with the cadets' other training and experience," will publish a periodic newsletter to stimulate dialogue and research among West Point staff and faculty in a variety of areas impinging on ethics and professionalism. Ethics is not an esoteric, intellectual pastime, but a branch of philosophy dealing with issues that are vital to both the professional and personal growth of army officers. One recommendation of the 1977 West Point Study Group was to "establish a comprehensive and progressive program in ethics and professionalism to prepare cadets for the ethical, personal, and other leadership problems that confront commissioned officers." If *Ethics and the Military Profession* provides a forum for continuing discussion of professional ethics, it will assist in discharging this important responsibility. At midpoint in Plato's *Republic*, Glaucon queries: "Who then are the true philosophers?" Socrates replies: "Those . . . are the lovers of the vision of truth." If Socrates is correct, to the extent that the military professional is concerned with knowing truth, he must also be a philosopher.

Recognizing the proliferation of scholarship and research in all areas of ethics and professionalism, the Committee on Ethics and Professionalism has decided to dedicate each periodical publication to a specific topic relating to the military profession. Each publication will normally include three sections: Upcoming Events, Feature Article, and Bibliography. Should you be aware of activities in the West Point vicinity that relate to the philosophical exploration of Ethics and Professionalism, have ideas for future feature articles, wish to contribute annotated bibliographies, or want to suggest additions or changes in the format of this publication, contact the editor, CPT William C. Jeffries, Department of English (4337/4338).

## FOCUS

Hermann Goering's sentiment, "Shoot first and inquire afterwards, and if you make mistakes, I will protect you," generally rings discordant to the American sensibility. Yet even mainstream America has currents as diverse as the New Testament injunction to turn the other cheek and General Patton's pronouncement that "War is the supreme test to man, in which he rises to heights never approached in any other activity." How does a

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nation reverencing individual freedoms and humane actions justify the mass destruction of humanity? "To war and arms I fly" has been the all too frequent clarion call of civilized man, but is not war a state of existence inalterably in conflict with fundamental notions of morality? Because of the interest that such questions naturally hold for the professional military officer, "War and Morality" is the topic for this initial publication of *Ethics and the Military Profession*. To assist you in your future study, the editor has provided a historical overview of *Bellum Justum* and an extensive, annotated bibliography on war and morality.

"Is There a Professional Ethic for the Military?" is the question that will be addressed in the first publication of AY 1978-79. Thereafter proposed topics include:

1. Can Ethics or Morality be Taught?
2. Terrorism.
3. Medical Ethics: Abortion, Euthanasia, Cloning.
4. Law and Ethics.
5. Norms vs. Values (Does "is" imply "ought"?).
6. Civil Disobedience.
7. Morality and Society.

If you are aware of specific books or articles relating to the subject of a "Professional Ethic," please forward data on them to CPT Jeffries, Department of English, or a member of the Ethics and Professionalism Committee.

#### FUTURE EVENTS

Interest in ethics and professionalism is burgeoning, and much of the activity involves interdisciplinary study. As a result, it is virtually impossible to stay current with meetings, lectures, workshops, programs, seminars, and other programs designed to foster interest and encourage participation in questions of moral and ethical inquiry. We seek your active assistance in notifying us of any information you have on related activities. With your help we will undertake to keep the West Point community informed, as far in advance as possible, of philosophically oriented programs in the West Point vicinity and throughout the scholarly community. Because the present academic year is coming to a close, there are few scheduled activities.

A workshop for evaluating the Military Academy's Concept for Furthering Cadet Moral Development will be held in the West Point Room of the Cadet Library, 29 April 1978 (0830-1200, 1400-1700).

Staff and Faculty meetings on Philosophy and Ethics will be conducted at West Point during August 1978 for USMA staff and faculty. Times and locations have not yet been determined.

#### FEATURE ARTICLE: JUST WAR THEORY

Regardless how one assesses the merit of Michael Walzer's book, *Just and Unjust Wars*, its recent publication underscores the fact that concern over the Christian formulation of *bellum justum* is not dormant. Twentieth-century scholarship has illuminated "just war" theory after an eclipse of perhaps two centuries of interest. A necessary first step toward serious study of war and morality is understanding the various versions of the "just war" theory, which began in Christian moral theology.

What makes such understanding difficult is that each age has redefined "just war" to suit its need. Whatever the definition, however, it is, as Frederick H. Russell points out, "really an ethical and religious doctrine, surfaced with an often thick veneer of legality" (*The Just War in the Middle Ages*, p. 306). Certainly, throughout its long history, the theory has exerted a powerful influence on international law, especially the distinction made between combatants and noncombatants.

Until the beginning of the twentieth century, Catholic theologians dominated the writings on *bellum justum*. Perhaps the clearest statement of twentieth-century "just war" theory comes from Joseph C. McKenna, S.J. and John Eppstein (see bibliography). From the writings of these two contemporary Catholic scholars, one can deduce the following requisites for a "just war."

1. The war must be declared by a legitimate authority.
2. The state must have suffered a substantial injury.
3. The quality and quantity of damage likely to be incurred in war may not be disproportionate to the injury suffered.
4. There must be a reasonable hope of success.
5. There must be a "right intention" in the minds of those prosecuting the war.
6. All possible means of peaceful settlement must have failed.
7. Only moral methods may be employed to prosecute the war.

A person contemplating a different definition of just war probably has in mind the viewpoint of St. Augustine, St. Thomas Aquinas, or Hugo Grotius. The essential concept of just war derives from their Christian thought, though the serious student needs to begin with Plato's *Republic* (4th century B.C.) and Aristotle's *Politics* (336-332 B.C.). These two works propose a

moral justification for the state, a justification implicit in "just war" theory. The other major pre-Christian contribution to the theory was made by the stoic writer, Cicero, in his *De Officiis*, (44 B.C.). This work, *On Duties*, adds a system of practical ethics, based on stoic principles, to the concept of the state.

Important though these writings by Plato, Aristotle, and Cicero are, the Christian soldier seeking relief from responsibility of moral guilt for killing his own kind in war will find it first in the fifth-century arguments of St. Augustine. St. Augustine, while providing the fundamental theology of Christendom, demonstrated his repulsion, but not surprise, at the moral degeneracy of Rome. Therefore, in his *City of God* (413-426) he divided all history into two cities differentiated by the direction of love: the City of Man and the City of God. With this concept Augustine gave morality a Christian basis. The City of God cast perspective on how man lived in the City of Man. Thus the totalitarian nature of the state was diminished by the consideration of its temporal nature *vis-à-vis* man's eternal soul. The teleological nature of the dictates of the City of Man (based on love of self) had to be weighed against the absolute prohibitions of the City of God (based on love for God). Whereas St. Augustine maintained proscriptions against killing--even in self defense--for the individual, he confirmed the morality of killing in a "just war." His requirements for a "just war"--the necessity to regain that which is taken unjustly, the avenging of a real injury, and a proper declaration by lawful authority--are based on the consideration that God created the City of Man and thus underwrites the temporal sanctity of the state. The key consideration for Augustine's "just war" is that justice is determined by the ruler, not the individual.

Drawing on the base laid by Augustine, as well as knowledge of Roman law and the scholastics, St. Thomas Aquinas (*Summa Theologiae*, 1265-1273) focused and redefined the theory. In his systematic reappraisal of "just war" Aquinas modified Augustine's definition. War was "just" for Aquinas when declared by a properly constituted authority, provoked by a just cause, and governed by right intention. His primary addition to the theory, however, was to formulate the principle of "double effect" (see Alonso, Anscombe, Hartigan, and Nagel in bibliography), vital in future determinations of morally permissible actions in war.

Following changes in the theory inspired by the "Peace of God" (eleventh-century campaign to supplement the rules of just war by a series of canonical decrees increasing the categories of those exempt from aggression), the "Truce of God" (eleventh-century Church decree limiting times of the year available for war), and the codes of medieval chivalry, John Calvin's *Institutes of the Christian Religion* (1536), which treats the magistrate as having authority from God and being guided by the law of nature, provided the last addition to the theory prior to Hugo Grotius' *De Jure Belli ac Pacis* (1620-1625), which laid the foundation of international law and "just war" theory. Calvin declared that modern moral law promulgates the rule of God's righteousness, despite man's blurred vision as a result of the Fall.

Man is a member of two realms: the Church insures the conduct of the inner man, but the state insures justice in the world. It follows that the state has a moral obligation to sanction "just war" if necessary to establish justice.

Hugo Grotius' attempts to replace man's arbitrary law by decree with principles of "natural law" were a response to his belief that men "rush to war without restraint and once there have no respect for any law, human or divine." He sought, through study of Greek, Roman, and biblical literature, for a body of natural laws pertaining to war and its conduct. By his emphasis on reason, he separated the notion of "just war" from theological concerns. Grotius' empiricism codified three types of just war:

1. To defend against actual or immediately threatening injury.
2. To recover what is legally due.
3. To inflict punishment for wrong done.

It is upon this base of Aristotelian thinking, natural law, and social contract that many tenets of international law rest.

*Bellum justum* is implanted firmly in the bedrock of history and is still discussed by twentieth-century theorists concerned with international legal sanctions. It presupposes the existence of laws governing relations between states and assumes that such laws have their origin in natural laws and treaties (*Encyclopedia of Philosophy*). The section on "just war" in the bibliography provides the basis for a much fuller discussion than can be given here. Of greatest value will be Robert Tucker, *The Just War*; F. H. Russell, *Just War in the Middle Ages*; Michael Walzer, *Just and Unjust Wars*; Paul Ramsey, *War and the Christian Conscience*; Gordon Zahn, *War, Conscience, and Dissent*; and Joseph C. McKenna, S.J., "Ethics and War: A Catholic View." This brief discussion also relies greatly on R. S. Hartigan and Lynn H. Miller (see bibliography).

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conception of morality is so dependent upon his view of human nature, the bibliography includes basic works dealing with theories of aggression. For a more complete study of that issue consult Erich Fromm's *The Anatomy of Human Destructiveness* which has an excellent (484 entries) bibliography on aggression and theories of human behavior. Many of the works listed below span more than one of the topical areas and appear in the area most suitable to the overall focus.

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\_\_\_\_\_. *Why War?* Vol. 22, *Standard Edition of the Complete Works of Sigmund Freud*. 23 vols., ed. J. Strachey. London: Hogarth Press, 1886-1939. 1933 letter to Albert Einstein in which Freud discusses the causes of war. Does not treat war as caused by innate human destructiveness but spawned from conflicts between groups.

Fromm, Erich. *The Anatomy of Human Destructiveness*. Greenwich: Fawcett Publications, 1975. A systematic approach to the problem of human aggression. The book attempts to discuss the problem of human destructiveness by summarizing approaches from the disciplines of psychoanalysis, neurophysiology, animal psychology, paleontology, and anthropology. See particularly Part III, "Varieties of Aggression and Destructiveness and their Respective Conditions."

Ginsberg, Robert, ed. *The Critique of War*. Chicago: Regnery, 1969. Idealistic in tenor, the eighteen essays collected in this edition inquire into the conditions of the human consciousness from three viewpoints: Is war a necessary condition of human existence? Is man innately aggressive? Is there an alternative--moral or otherwise--to war? Includes a 146-entry "Bibliography of the Philosophy of War in the Atomic Age" (not annotated). Deals with five main topic areas: The Philosopher and War, The Causes of War, The War System, The Unjustifiability of War, and The Alternative to War.

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Cousins, N. "The Non-Obliterators." *Saturday Review*, April 8, 1944, pp. 14, 26. Editorial arguing against those (particularly Vera Brittain) who declare "obliteration bombing" immoral. The following excerpt sets the tone: "Make no mistake about it. The bombing of Berlin and Hamberg and Schweinfurt and Leipzig and Bremen was not ordered by the American people or the British people or our military leaders. It was ordered by the Nazis themselves." Retaliation, for Cousins, is moral.

DeMaris, Ovid. *Brothers in Blood: The International Terrorist Network*. New York: Charles Scribner's Sons, 1977. Deals in journalistic fashion with five separate areas of terrorism: Carlos, Ha Mossad, Baader-Meinhof, Northern Ireland, and nuclear terrorism. "In today's world no one is innocent, no one is a neutral."

Ford, J. C. "The Morality of Obliteration Bombing." *Theological Studies*, 5 (September 1944), 261-309. Argues the immorality of obliteration bombing in an otherwise just war. Finds the principle of "double effect" too prone to sophisticated abuse to be a convincing argument. Good concluding remarks on national considerations of "double effect." Also collected in Richard Wasserstrom's *War and Morality*, pp. 15-41.

Fullinwider, Robert K. "War and Innocence." *Philosophy and Public Affairs*, 5, No. 1 (Fall 1975), 90-97. Fullinwider sketches an argument which supports the claim that in warfare there is a morally relevant distinction between combatants and non-combatants which prohibits the intentional killing of the latter at the same time as it justifies the intentional killing of the former.

Hartigan, R. S. "Saint Augustine on War and Killing: The Problem of the Innocent." *Journal of the History of Ideas*, 27 (1966), 195. Early formulations of "double effect."

\_\_\_\_\_. "Noncombatant Immunity: Reflections on Its Origins and Present Status." *Review of Politics*, 29 (1967), 204-220. "Present Status" receives short shrift in what becomes a quick overview of the development of Just War theory (beginning with Augustine). No viable suggestions for defining combatants or noncombatants.

Laqueur, Walter. *Terrorism*. Boston: Little, Brown, 1977. Academic study of purposes and strategies of terrorist groups. Hypothesizes that terrorism can only be daunted by a restriction of human freedoms in general--a bleak hope.

Mavrodes, George I. "Conventions and the Morality of War." *Philosophy and Public Affairs*, 4, No. 2 (Winter 1975), 117-131. Mavrodes develops criteria for distinguishing wars from certain other international combat as he believes that this distinction is morally significant *vis-à-vis* the problem concerned with the intentional killing of noncombatants.

Wasserstrom, Richard. "On the Morality of War." *Stanford Law Review*, 21 (1969), 1627-1656. The author is committed to the necessity of assessing war in moral terms. The burden of proof rests with the aggressor, particularly in regard to the killing of innocents. Also in Wasserstrom's *War and Morality*, 78-101.

##### 5. *Just War and the Rules of Warfare.*

Alighieri, Dante. *De Monarchia*. New York: Gordon Press, n.d. Man should seek peace as an earthly goal, but he may use force to secure international world order.

Alonso, Vicente. *El principio del doble efecto en los commentadores de Santo Tomas*. Rome: Gregorian University Dissertation, 1937. See for St. Thomas' views on "double effect."

Aquinas, St. Thomas. *Summa Theologica*. Ed. Thomas C. Moore. Hightstown: McGraw, 1976. Question 40 discusses the state's moral responsibility to defend itself.

Aristotle. *Politics*. New York: Random House, 1950. Needs to be read prior to Augustine's *City of God* to lay the foundation for "Just War" doctrine. Important in that it provides moral justification for the existence and power of the state.

Augustine, Saint. *The City of God*. New York: Random House, 1950. The place to begin any study of "Just War" doctrine. Also ponders the inevitability of war. Sets forth the notion of two cities: City of God and City of Man. The City of God casts perspective on the City of Man.

Brandt, R. B. "The Definition of an 'Ideal Observer' Theory in Ethics." *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*, 15, No. 3 (1955), 407-413.

\_\_\_\_\_. "Utilitarianism and the Rules of War." In *War and Moral Responsibility*, ed. Marshall Cohen, Thomas Nagel, and Thomas Scanlon. Princeton: Princeton U. Press, 1974. 25-45. Borrowing terminology ("rule-utilitarianism of the 'contractual' variety") from John Rawls' *A Theory of Justice*, Brandt tries to answer the question: "What, from a moral point of view, ought to be the rules of war?" Cogently written.

Cicero, Marcus Tullius. *De Officiis: Or His Treatise Concerning the Moral Duties of Mankind*. London: Lackington, 1820. The title, *On Duties*, reveals its substance. A work of practical ethics, based on stoic principles, outlining human duties to the state.

Cohen, Marshall. "Morality and the Laws of War." In *Philosophy, Morality, and International Affairs*, ed. Virginia Held, Sidney Morgenbesser, and Thomas Nagel. New York: Oxford University Press, 1974. 71-88. The author argues that Telford Taylor's claims of "ambiguities" in the laws of war (*Nuremberg and Vietnam: An American Tragedy*) and Richard Wasserstrom's claims of the "moral unattractiveness of the laws of war" ("The Laws of War") are illusory.

Erasmus, Desiderius. *Anti-polemus, or the Plea of Reason, Religion and Humanity Against War*. New York: Gordon Press, n.d. Written 1510, argues that man's nature is contrary to the martial spirit. Man is created for love. Thus man has a moral duty to put an end to war.

Falk, Richard A. *Legal Order in a Violent World*. Princeton: Princeton U. Press, 1969. Explores the problems inherent in attempting to regulate human conflict.

Grotius, Hugo. *De Jure Belli ac Pacis Libri Tres*. Paris, 1625. Translated by F. W. Kelsey and others from the 1946 edition. A seminal work on international law. The book patterns a quasi-legal system of international relations by "blending certain general principles of political and moral philosophy with state practice." War should be fought only to enforce rights and then must be "waged within the bounds of law and good faith."

Hare, R. M. "Rules of War and Moral Reasoning." In *War and Moral Responsibility*, ed. Marshall Cohen, Thomas Nagel, and Thomas Scanlon. Princeton: Princeton U. Press, 1974. 46-61. Offers a "sound theoretical foundation" for "moral thinking about war." More methodology than value judgment.

Hobbes, Thomas. *Leviathan*. New York: Routledge and Sons, 1894. See particularly Chap. 13. Written in 1651, argues that "war is not the art of fighting but the disposition to fight which exists where there is no common superior to ensure that violence shall not be permitted"--hence the need for the creation of a "common superior."

Joachim von Elbe. "The Evolution of the Concept of Just War in International Law." *American Journal of International Law*, 33 (October 1939), 665-688. A complete account of the development of just war doctrine.

Kotzsch, Lothar. *The Concept of War in Contemporary History and International Law*. Geneva: Librairie E. Droz, 1956.

Margolis, Joseph. "War and Ideology." In *Philosophy, Morality, and International Affairs*, ed. Virginia Held, Sidney Morgenbesser, and Thomas Nagel. New York: Oxford University Press, 1974. 246-265. A most provocative article suggesting the need to redefine just war, innocents, and personal culpability in light of the exigencies of modern war. Why should the old constraints on morally permissible actions be binding on modern warfare?



Miller, Lynn H. "Contemporary Significance of the Doctrine of Just War." *World Politics*, 16 (1964), 254-286. A brief historical review of the doctrine of *bellum justum*, followed by a discussion of the relevance of the "just war" doctrine to the twentieth century, in light of two conditions Miller finds to be unique in the present age: (1) a new international system replacing European balance-of-power and (2) modern weapons of unprecedented destructive capability.

More, Sir Thomas. *Utopia*, ed. and trans. Robert Adams. New York: Norton, 1975. Written 1518, *Utopia* proffers a pragmatic approach to declaring and waging war. War is to be fought only when "one's lands are invaded or one's allies are oppressed." When fighting one should do so "as economically and safely as possible."

O'Connor, D. Thomas. "A Reappraisal of the Just-War Tradition." *Ethics*, 84, No. 2 (January 1974), 167-173. O'Connor argues that the rules of just warfare provide a rational framework for moral reflections on war.

Plato. *The Republic*. Trans. B. Jowett. New York: Vintage, n.d. See particularly Book III, the need to "humanize" soldiers by education, and Book V, women in the military and the proper treatment of enemies (particularly in regard to despoiling the dead).

Russell, Frederick H. *The Just War in the Middle Ages*. Cambridge: Cambridge U. Press, 1975. A slightly misleading title, this book provides an in-depth historical analysis of the "Just War" theory ("just cause, legitimate authority, and a righteous intention"), by tracing the contributions by Augustine, Medieval Romanists, Gratian, Decretists, Decretalists, and Thomas Aquinas. Bibliography, pp. 311-319.

Ryan, John K. *Modern War and Basic Ethics*. Milwaukee: Bruce, 1940. Studies the relationship between "Just War" theory and methods of warfare in 1930's.

Vann, Gerald. *Morality and War*. London: UNK, 1939. Applies "just war" theory directly to the problem of appeasement (and specifically to the Czech crisis of 1938)."

Walzer, Michael. "Exodus 32 and the Theory of Holy War: The History of a Citation." *Harvard Theological Review*, 61 (1968), 1.

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\_\_\_\_\_. *Just and Unjust Wars: A Moral Argument with Historical Illustrations*. New York: Basic Books, 1978. Walzer treats "fighting well" (that is, morally) as the soldier's chief concern. The author sets high standards of morality for those involved in wars--wars which are "just" only if they are waged to protect territorial integrity or defend political independence. A unique, historical, empirical discussion of an important issue.

Wasserstrom, Richard. "The Laws of War." *The Monist*, 56 (January 1972).

Wells, Donald A. "How Much Can 'The Just War' Justify?" In *Morality in the Modern World*, ed. Lawrence Habermehl. Encino: Dickenson, 1976. 46-53. Assesses the concept of "Just War" from the point of view of proper justification. As a pacifist, Wells finds "Just War" theory vexing and worthy of examination since it is virtually the only area of ethical speculation which defends "immoral acts under the extenuating circumstance of prudential risk." Finds little basis for justice in "Just War."

\_\_\_\_\_. *The War Myth*. New York: Pegasus, 1967. "Traces Western philosophical, theological, and institutional justifications of war from ancient times to the present day." War for Wells is not inevitable. Includes 252-entry topical bibliography (not annotated). Topics include: "The Definition of War," "The Just War," "The Inevitability of War," "Patriotism and the Military Spirit," "The Attack on the War System," "Conscientious Objection and Pacifism," "Humane and Inhumane War Practices," "Religion and War," "War is Unchristian," "Can Christians be Soldiers," "Psychological Causes of War," "Military Causes of War," "Economic Causes of War," "Disarmament and the Arms Race," "World Political Federation."

Zahn, Gordon Charles. *War, Conscience, and Dissent*. New York: Hawthorne Books, 1967. Explores the problem of "Just War" from a protestant point of view. Gives historical overview of the movement from just war theory to pacifism with a goal of answering the question: "How shall modern war be conducted justly?"

#### 6. *Nonviolence, Pacifism, and Conscientious Objection.*

Ballou, Adin. "Christian Non-Resistance." In *Nonviolence in America: A Documentary History* (1966), 31-39. Empirical study of nineteenth-century pacifistic arguments.

Benjamin, Martin. "Pacifism for Pragmatists," *Ethics*, 83, No. 3 (April 1973), 196-213. Benjamin attempts to argue that pacifism is not a "hopelessly soft-headed doctrine" but rather a realistic, hard-headed option, and that the abandonment of military, and especially nuclear, means of national defense represents a rational alternative.

Finn, James, ed. *A Conflict of Loyalties: The Case for Selective Conscientious Objection*. New York: Pegasus, 1968. A case study on the problem of distinguishing between selective and universal conscientious objection. See particularly Michael Harrington's "Politics, Morality, and Selective Dissent."

Gewirth, Alan. "Reasons and Conscience: The Claims of the Selective Conscientious Objector." In *Philosophy, Morality, and International Affairs*, ed. Virginia Held, Sidney Morgenbesser, and Thomas Nagel. New York: Oxford University Press, 1974. 89-117. In this "inquiry into the moral justification of the selective conscientious objector's claim" the author asserts that the moral justification of the selective conscientious objector is no less credible than the moral justification of the universal conscientious objector.

Hayes, Denis. *Challenges of Conscience: The Story of the Conscientious Objectors of 1939-1949*. London: George Allen & Unwin, 1949. See particularly Chapter 5 which discusses the British "success" with selective conscientious objection.

Lynd, Staughton, ed. *Nonviolence in America: A Documentary History*. Indianapolis: Bobbs-Merrill, 1966. A collection of thirty of the basic texts of non-aggression. Includes excerpts by abolitionists, anarchists, progressives, conscientious objectors, trade unionists, nonviolent revolutionaries, and civil rights actionists.

Malament, David. "Selective Conscientious Objection and the Gillette Decision." *Philosophy and Public Affairs*, 1, No. 4 (Summer 1972), 363-386. Offers utilitarian arguments that the Vietnam era system of deciding conscientious objector deferments is unconstitutional. The author challenges the Supreme Court decision on the Gillette case. Using this decision he discusses the difference between universal and selective conscientious objection, arguing that the former, not the latter, provides legitimate grounds for deferment. Also in *War and Moral Responsibility*, ed. Marshall Cohen.

Mayer, Peter, ed. *The Pacifist Conscience*. Chicago: Regnery, 1966. Essays and peace plans by most of the big names: Buddha, Lao-Tzu, Camus, King, Einstein, Freud, Tertullian, Fox, Thoreau, Tolstoy, and others. Excellent bibliography (625 titles) on war.

Murray, John Courtney. *Morality and Modern War*. New York: Council on Religion and International Affairs, 1959. Murray sets forth a four-fold Catholic moral theory: (1) All wars of aggression are proscribed, (2) a defensive war to repress injustice is moral, (3) conscientious objection to just war is not a valid claim, and (4) a state has a duty to wage war if its sovereignty is threatened.

Nagel, Thomas. "War and Massacre." In *War and Moral Responsibility*, ed. Marshall Cohen, Thomas Nagel, and Thomas Scanlon. Princeton: Princeton U. Press, 1974. 3-24. Nagel argues that "there is . . . a moral basis for the rules of war, even though the conventions now officially in force are far from giving it perfect expression." Discusses pacifism, "double effect," and "innocence" in war.

Narveson, Jan. "Pacifism: A Philosophical Analysis." *Ethics*, 75 (1965), 259-271. Narveson argues that the pacifist position is riddled with confusion. He holds that the pacifistic attitude is a matter of degree, a fact which can be better understood when considering the following questions: how much violence should not be resisted, and what degree of force is one not entitled to use in resisting, punishing, or preventing it? Also in *War and Morality*, ed. Richard A. Wasserstrom.

\_\_\_\_\_. "Pacifism: A Philosophical Analysis--A Rejoinder." *Ethics*, 78 (1964-65), 148. Counters a criticism on his 1965 essay in *Ethics*.

Peppers, Donald A. "War Crimes and Induction: A Case for Selective Non-Conscientious Objection." *Philosophy and Public Affairs*, 3, No. 2 (Winter 1974), 129-166. Peppers attempts to develop a practical and credible legal philosophy, based upon principles of international law, for dealing with the problem of military induction.

Potter, Ralph. "Conscientious Objection to Particular Wars." In *Religion and the Public Order*, ed. Donald A. Gianella, No. 4. Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 1968. See particularly pp. 92-95 for a valuable discussion of the distinctions between selective and universal conscientious objection.

Raven, Charles E. *War and the Christian*. New York: Garland, 1972. First published in 1938, Canon Raven's book outlines the "strengths and weaknesses of Protestant liberal pacifism." In a similar vein as *Anti-Polemus*.

Struckmeyer, Frederick R. "Just War and the Right of Self Defense." *Ethics*, 82, No. 1 (October 1971), 48-55. Although disposed to pacifism, Struckmeyer refuses to accept the thesis that there is no third position between the extremes of pacifism and jingoistic militarism. It is simply not the case, in his view, that one is either for war or against it. Also in *Morality in the Modern World*, ed. Lawrence Habermehl.

Visscher, Maurice B. "Modern Weapons, Peace, and the Humanistic Ethic." In *Morality in the Modern World*, ed. Lawrence Habermehl. Encino: Dickerson, 1976. 78-86. Granting that war is not obsolete, Visscher tries to point his readers toward such an Eldorado. Education and a broad-based humanistic ethic are the keys.

Walzer, Michael. *Obligations: Essays on Disobedience, War, and Citizenship*. Cambridge: Harvard U. Press, 1970. Walzer applies consent theory to an analysis and discussion of obligation and citizenship. As a result of his probings he suggests that when a democratic state goes to war, those who take no part in the decision do not have to fight.

Weinberg, Arthur and Lila Weinberg, ed. *Instead of Violence*. Boston: Beacon Press, 1963. A wide spectrum of essays from luminaries of the past on peace, non-violence, civil disobedience, and passive resistance: Russell, King, Fromm, Schweitzer, Buber, Einstein, Freud, Hesse, Twain, W. James, Darrow, Kant, Erasmus.

Whitman, M. J. "Is Pacifism Self-Contradictory?" *Ethics*, 76, No. 4 (July 1966), 307-308. The author is responding to Jan Narveson's "Pacifism: A Philosophical Analysis." Whitman argues that the pacifist position is not self-contradictory.

Zahn, Gordon Charles. *An Alternative to War*. New York: Council on Religion and International Affairs, 1963. Zahn's alternative is a by-product of John XXIII's statement, "individual human beings are and should be the foundation, the end and the subjects of all the institutions in which social life is carried on." Fitting this resolution to a state's defense organization, however, proves tricky at best.

7. *Nuclear Weapons: Special Implications on the Nature of War.*

Bennett, John C., ed. *Nuclear Weapons and the Conflict of Conscience*. New York: Charles Scribner's Sons, 1962. Essays by John Herz, David Inglis, Kenneth Thompson, John Bennett, Erich Fromm, Paul Ramsey, and Roger Shin offer varying, although sometimes repetitious, views of the moral implications of the use of nuclear weapons. Authors are agreed on the intolerable horror of nuclear warfare but offer little practical guidance. Strong Aristotelian ideas underly a discussion of just war theory in traditional terms.

Boserup, Anders and Andrew Mack. *War Without Weapons: Non-Violence in National Defense*. New York: Schocken, 1975. Argues for limited violence, not non-violent alternatives to nuclear war.

Brown, Noel J. "The Moral Problem of Modern Warfare: A Bibliography." In *Morality and Modern Warfare*, ed. William J. Nagle. Baltimore: Helicon Press, 1960. Excellent bibliography including 57 continental publications, 203 selections from periodical literature, and 160 books and pamphlets.

Buchan, Alastair. *War in Modern Society*. London: C. A. Watts, 1966. Bibliography, pp. 199-202. By "modern" Buchan means from the end of the civil war until the present time. Not a complete study of the moral issues of war but of the moral implications of nuclear weapons in international dialogue on war. Select bibliography (43 entries) on nuclear weapons and international relations, pp. 199-202. Topical areas include: "General," "Strategy," "Western Alliance," "Control of War and Arms."

Krickus, Richard J. "On the Morality of Chemical/Biological Warfare." *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, 9, No. 2 (June 1965), 200-210. Addresses the use of CB weapons in the nuclear age. Krickus' thesis is that the fear and taboo surrounding such weapons has forestalled intelligent examination of the moral ramifications of CB weapons. Also anthologized in *Morality in the Modern World*, ed. Lawrence Habermehl.

Lewy, Guenter. "Superior Orders, Nuclear Warfare, and the Dictates of Conscience." In *War and Morality*, ed. Richard A. Wasserstrom. Belmont: Wadsworth, 1970. 115-134. Thought-provoking analysis of the problem of conscience facing one charged with using nuclear weapons. Whereas in previous wars an individual could choose to follow the dictates of his conscience and not significantly affect the outcome of armed conflict, today's subordinate makes fateful choices for future as well as present humanity.

Nagle, William J., ed. *Morality and Modern Warfare*. Baltimore: Helicon Press, 1960. A symposium of Catholic writers including: J. K. Moriarity, William V. O'Brien, Thomas E. Murray, John R. Connery, John C. Ford, Gordon C. Zahn, and John Courtney Murray. The last chapter has an excellent 18-page (unannotated) bibliography on "The Moral Problem of Modern Warfare."

Palter, R. M. "The Ethics of Extermination." *Ethics*, 74, No. 3 (April 1964), 208-218. Using as a springboard John Ford's "The Morality of Obliteration Bombing," Palter discusses the pros and cons of the basic studies on the morality of warfare in a nuclear age. This good, short summary analyzes Paul Ramsey, G. E. M. Anscombe, Walter Stein, and John Bennett.

Stein, Walter, ed. *Nuclear Weapons: A Catholic Response*. New York: Sheed and Ward, 1961. Nuclear power represents an "ultimate evil." Hence no moral arguments could ever be proffered to justify its use in war. Essays by five Catholic professors agree on this common theme.

\_\_\_\_\_. *Nuclear Weapons and Christian Conscience*. London: Merlin, 1961.

Tucker, Robert W. *The Just War*. Baltimore: The Johns Hopkins Press, 1960. Given America's view of the "Just War" (fought in self defense, or in collective defense against armed aggression) Tucker questions whether nuclear warfare can ever be moral.

Woodward, Beverly. "Reason, Non-violence, and Global Legal Change." In *Philosophy, Morality, and International Affairs*, ed. Virginia Held, Sidney Morgenbesser, and Thomas Nagel. New York: Oxford University Press, 1974. 154-196. The author is concerned with the extent to which a rational look at global anarchy calls for a new approach to the rule of law. Of marginal use in the study of war and morality, the article provides a thorough discussion of "coercion."

#### 8. *Miscellaneous Considerations.*

Baier, Kurt. "Moral Obligation." *American Philosophical Quarterly*, 3, No. 3 (July 1966), 210.

Davis, Francis. "Peace and War: A Short Bibliography." *Blackfriars*, 30 (December 1949), 599ff. Short but important bibliography on the subject.

Edwards, Paul, ed. "Peace, War, and Philosophy." *The Encyclopedia of Philosophy*, 1967, 6, 63-67. Excellent historical overview of philosophic approaches to the consideration of war. Writers are treated as conservative (war is a permanent part of human existence) and abolitionist (war is not inevitable). Brief basic bibliography.

Euben, J. Peter. "Walzer's Obligations." *Philosophy and Public Affairs*, 1, No. 4 (Summer 1972), 438-459. Euben offers a studied critique of Walzer's notion of obligation, faulting Walzer for his selection of liberal consent theory as a means for explicating the concept.

Falk, Richard A., ed. *The Vietnam War and International Law*, 11. Princeton: Princeton U. Press, 1969. A broad spectrum of thirty-five previously printed articles offering a balanced view on the controversial nature of the war.

Falls, Cyril. *The Nature of Modern Warfare*. New York: Oxford University Press, 1941. Of the five sections (four of which were delivered at Oxford in the Winter of 1941) the ethicist will find the first lecture, "The Doctrine of Total War" most pertinent. The rest of the book contains dry articles on strategy and tactics.

Feinberg, Joel. *Doing and Deserving*. Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1970. Feinberg presents a series of essays in the theory of responsibility. Each essay deals with some aspect of the complex situation in which persons intentionally, negligently, or faultlessly cause harm or benefit to others and are said to deserve such responses from others as praise or blame, punishment, and legal pressure to make compensation.

Fred, M., M. Harris, and R. Murphy, ed. *War: The Anthropology of Armed Conflict and Aggression*. Garden City: The Natural History Press, 1968. A collection of essays dealing with the biological effects of war, war and disease, primitive and modern war, alternatives to war, war and recruitment for a war system, the psychological dimensions of war, and the effects of war on social structure.

Gray, Jesse Glenn. *On Understanding Violence Philosophically and Other Essays*. New York: Harper and Row, 1970. Commonsensical approach to the subject. Meditative if not scholarly. One handicap is a lack of application to practical problems.

Hart, H. L. A. "Legal and Moral Obligation." In *Essays in Moral Philosophy*, ed. A. I. Meldon. Seattle: U. of Washington Press, 1958.

Hondrich, Ted. "Democratic Violence." *Philosophy and Public Affairs*, 2, No. 2 (Winter 1973), 190-214. Hondrich attempts to arrive at a decision-procedure for the moral appraisal of violence by clarifying the relation between political violence and the practice and the rules of democracy.

Horowitz, Irving L. *War and Peace in Contemporary Social and Philosophical Theory*. Atlantic Highlands, N.J.: Humanities Press, 1957. The author attempts to present, interpret, and evaluate modern philosophers and their ideas on war and peace. He considers such diverse philosophers as Whitehead, Dewey, Russell, Einstein, Maritain, and Santayana among others.

Irmscher, William F., ed. *Man and Warfare*. Boston: Little, Brown, 1964. An anthology which presents a literary, journalistic, and philosophical smorgasbord offering a variety of tidbits concerned with man and the thoughts on warfare. Ruskin, W. James, Orwell, Machiavelli, G. B. Shaw, Jung, Toynbee, and others are represented in the selections.

Meldon, A. I., ed. *Essays in Moral Philosophy*. Seattle: U. of Washington Press, 1958. See particularly the lucid article by Brandt, "Blameworthiness and Obligations," pp. 82-107.

Rawls, John. *A Theory of Justice*. Cambridge: Harvard U. Press, 1971.

Rawls' brilliant effort to generate a systematic account of justice which offers a genuine alternative to dominant utilitarian developments of the concept.

Shaffer, Jerome A., ed. *Violence*. Award-Winning Essays in the Council for Philosophical Studies Competition. McKay, 1971. Four essays discussing violence as distinguished from coercion, force, and war. Man must decide from an ethical perspective when violence must be resisted and when violence is justified.

Tucker, Robert W. "Peace and War." *World Politics*, 17 (1965), 310-333. An assessment of the strengths and weaknesses of Raymond Aron's work, *Paix et Guerre entre les nations* (1962).

U.S. Department of the Army. *The Law of Land Warfare*. Field Manual 27-10. Washington, D.C.: U.S. Government Printing Office, 1956. See particularly p. 4 concerning applicability of rules even in the face of "military necessity."

Walzer, Michael. "Political Action: The Problem of Dirty Hands." In *War and Moral Responsibility*, ed. Marshall Cohen, Thomas Nagel, and Thomas Scanlon. Princeton: Princeton U. Press, 1974. 62-82. Recognizing that the dilemma of "dirty hands" is not unique to the political arena, Walzer uses the "conventional wisdom to the effect that politicians are a good deal worse, morally worse, than the rest of us" to elaborate on the reality of private moral lives.

Wasserstrom, Richard, ed. *War and Morality*. Belmont: Wadsworth, 1970. One of "The Basic Problems in Philosophy Series," this collection of essays includes many of the heavyweights: William James, John Ford, G. E. M. Anscombe, M. Walzer, J. Narveson, R. Wasserstrom, and G. Lewy. Wasserstrom also provides a selected bibliography, pp. 135-136.

Wright, Quincy. *A Study of War*. Chicago. U. of Chicago Press, 1942. A most complete study of all aspects of war. Very little of concern to the ethicist, however, causes of war and war's relationship to international law are of interest.

#### 9. *Strategy and Morality.*

Allen, J. L. "The Relation of Strategy and Morality." *Ethics*, 73, No. 3 (April 1963), 167-178. A very sensible approach to the relationship between strategy and morality. The author disagrees with absolutist positions of Batchelder and Ramsey in finding no inherent conflict between the goals of the strategist and the moralist. He argues that morality must not be a veneer tacked over strategy but must be embedded in the nature of strategy itself.



Batchelder, Robert C. *The Irreversible Decision, 1939-1950*. Boston: Houghton Mifflin, 1962. Argues, like Ramsey (see bibliography), that there are concrete principles in warfare that act as absolutes ruling out certain acts regardless of the utilitarian nature of the desirable consequences.

Clausewitz, Karl von. *On War*. Ed. F. N. Maude. Trans. J. J. Graham. Rev. New York: Barnes and Noble, 1961. The first great study of warfare to include emphasis on "moral forces in war." See particularly Chap. 2, Sec. 17. Difficult reading, incomplete, but essential for a thorough study of war and morality.

Cohen, Marshall, Thomas Nagel, and Thomas Scanlon, ed. *War and Moral Responsibility*. Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1974. A collection of provocative essays which examine ethical and legal restrictions on military means and ends as well as specific cases from World War II and the Vietnam War.

Falk, Richard A. *Law, Morality, and War in the Contemporary World*. New York: Frederick A. Praeger, 1963. Views on "nuclear morality" from a noted scholar of jurisprudence. With a strong predilection for logical positivism, Falk tries to relate morality to military and political strategy.

Kriete, Chaplain (COL) Charles F. "The Moral Dimension of Strategy." *Parameters*, VII, No. 2 (1977), 65-76. More questions than answers. Argues that future U.S. military strategy must be consistent with both political purpose and American moral values.

Michener, James A. *The Quality of Life*. Greenwich: Fawcett, 1970. See particularly the last chapter, "What We Must Do." Michener cites Vietnam as a war which lost its moral justification due to arbitrary draft laws, favoritism of businesses making war goods, and the reluctance of Congress to call the war a war.

Potter, Ralph. *War and Moral Discourse*. Richmond: John Knox Press, 1973. Invites dialogue and moral reflection on the limits of justifiable and illegitimate uses of force in international relations. Informative biographical essay, pp. 87-123.

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